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Stage II

The Task Force on Urbanization was established for a three year period (March 1971 to March 1974) to investigate and enquire into 'problems associated with the phenomenon of urbanization in Alberta'. Stage I of the Task Force operation involved a review by Task Committees in six different areas of Alberta of problems significant to each area. The objective of the committee approach was to enable a wide range of people to participate in the formative stages of policy formulation. The work of these committees was completed during the period June 1971 to June 1972.

The terms of reference for Stage II of the Task Force were:

- (1) To complete any additional work necessary with regard to the Task Committee recommendations.
- (2) To examine and make recommendations with regard to urban and regional research in the Province of Alberta.
- (3) To assist in the funding or to commission research related to terms of reference (1) and (2), and to include assistance in funding to necessary research projects where such funding is not otherwise available.

1. Completion of Task Committee Work

The completion of Task Committee work involved; the editing and publishing of the recommendations, the distribution of the report, the forwarding of the recommendations to the departments of government concerned, and periodic public reports on action taken.

In this context the work completed to date has been as follows:
The final Task Committees Reports were published in August 1972. To

date some 6,000 copies of the final report have been distributed, and an equal number of each of the background papers. There has been some demand for all these publications from other provinces and more recently a number of the High Schools in the Province have requested sets for use in their social studies courses. Summaries of the recommendations have been sent to relevant Provincial Departments and the staff have had discussions with some of these Departments on this matter. A preliminary report on the position of the Provincial Government concerning the recommendations will be available for the next meeting of the Task Force Board.

2. Urban and Regional Research

Within the terms of reference, the Task Force is examining a number of aspects of research (governmental, non governmental and university) related to urbanization in Alberta. The general areas of study include:

- (1) data, adequacy, accessibility, comparability, privacy
- (2) reference systems for research studies
- (3) present and proposed research programs
- (4) research capability
- (5) funding of research
- (6) provincial research policies.

A portion of the time to date has been spent in making contact with the relevant research and funding agencies.

On a national level this has included C.M.H.C., which under Part V of the Housing Act is the major funding agency for urban and regional research; C.C.U.R.R. which is a major non governmental funding agency; I.G.C.U.R.R. which is the major agency for inventories of provincial and federal government research; the Ministry of Urban Affairs which is emerging as a major generator of urban research. The basic information obtained from these agencies concerned their policies, priorities

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and program for research, or research funding.

On a provincial level there have been discussions with the Committee for Co-ordination of Statistics and Research, the University of Alberta Faculty of Graduate Studies, and a number of regional and municipal agencies.

This has provided considerable background information on the research picture in Alberta.

In terms of reports and recommendations the report and recommendations on a reference system for research studies has been completed and is attached.

3. Research Grants provided by the Task Force to assist Urban and Regional Research

Grants have been made to four projects to date. These include Regional Resource Project #1 (Drumheller Area), The Provincial Setting For Regional Planning, The Mill Woods Area Impact Study, and The Area 13 (Edmonton) Community Council Project. The following is a summary of these projects:

(1) Regional Resource Project #1 (Drumheller Area)

This project is a response by the Municipalities and the Province to two of the issues raised in the Task Committee Report: that for certain services to be provided to the smaller communities it may have to be on a co-operative or regional basis, and secondly if the smaller communities are to begin to cope with some of their problems, they must have some of the technical assistance available to the larger communities.

The Project provides to the eleven participating municipalities a full time professional advisor and an information service located in the area. The work to date has included setting up development information centres in each of the communities, a housing demand study, preparation of community inventories, negotiations for water supply and

recreation and resource needs study. Federal and Provincial assistance programs are being reviewed. Representatives from each community are attending a Community Development Course sponsored by the Department of Industry and Commerce. The project director is Mr. Hugh Bodmer. The study is being directed by a committee of representatives from the participating municipalities.¹ This is a one year pilot project, and the results may be of wider value to other areas of the Province. The Municipalities have contributed \$3,300 and the Task Force \$19,040.

(2) The Provincial Setting For Regional Planning

This is a study carried out by the Red Deer Regional Planning Commission. The Task Force is providing a grant for the completion of the study and its publication. The study analyses provincial pattern of development in the past two decades. Its aim is to provide a wider framework within which regional plans can be prepared. It also identifies areas in which provincial policy is significant for regional planning. The work should be of value to other regional bodies and provincial agencies. Task Force contribution \$13,000.

(3) The Mill Woods Area Impact Study

The object of this study is to determine the data and analytical methods required to assess the impact of large scale public ownership of land (Mill Woods) on land costs and housing mix in metropolitan areas. The consultants are Dr. J. McFadyen and Dr. C. Janssen. The results of the study should be of interest to other cities. The study is being jointly financed by the Task Force, the Alberta Housing Corporation and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Each is contributing \$4,325.00.

(4) Area 13 (Edmonton) Community Council Project

Area 13 Council is a co-ordinating body, consisting of the representatives of all the citizen groups, recreation groups, social agencies in south east Edmonton (population approximately 33,000 people). The proposal is for the Council to publish a special supplement of their community newspaper devoted to the recommendations of the Task Force dealing with Community Councils. The publication of this material would be followed by public meetings to discuss this issue. The subject of greater community participation, in planning and development

¹ Participating municipalities: Trochu, Carbon, Acme, Standard, Rockyford, Beiseker, Hussar, Bassano, Municipal District of Starland, Municipal District of Kneehill and Industrial District No. 7.

decisions, is emerging as a significant urban issue. The project could provide information on the local attitudes as to the form this should take. The Task Force contribution is \$80.00 to assist in costs of newspaper publication.

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